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My dear Mr May

I put your last kind letter into Mr Henderson's hands to answer, and I hope you have by this time received the letter I know he has written to you. I am very much obliged by all the trouble you have taken about "The Memoir", and quite pleased that you are so much interested in it. Our only difficulty was to select, from the quantity

of interesting matter we
had, that which would
best give some idea of
a character we do loved
and reverence — I think
Mr Henderson has fulfilled
his task even to my satisfaction

I had the great pleasure
of receiving you two in turn
during his short visit to
Bristol, to meet a large
party of Anti Slavery friends,
and we had a most interesting
evening — How delightful
it is to see those, with
whom our hearts and thoughts
have long been familiar,
but my pleasure was
clouded by the reflection
how dearly the visit would
have been prized, had it
been a few years earlier by

him whose thoughts & aspirations were ever warmly with the cause in which you and your cousin are spending your lives & strength. It is so difficult to realize that our loved ones lose nothing when they pass away from this scene of their living interests — I often think of my eldest daughters expression soon after her fathers death "I only "think of Papa now as "having no dis appointments "but seeing how all the good "he longed for is being worked "out" — Yes it must be a blessed change for one who so ardently longed and strove for the happiness

of mankind, to see those
all which seems so dark to
is best, and perhaps he
permitted still to shame
the mouth his soul loves
of hastening the time when
the good to be wrought out
of all this evil shall be
accomplished. I think
you know that for the last
four years I have been engaged
in public to educate with my
own daughters. They have
all been busy working for
for the Philadelphia Bazaar
Will you give my very kind
regards to Mrs. May and

Believe me

Very sincerely yours

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Dunham Park

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